HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ___

Introduced by: Richardson, Denbo

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor Representative Richard Mangus upon his retirement from a distinguished career of thirty-two years of service to the people of Indiana, particularly his constituents in District 21.

Whereas, A young man named Richard Mangus served his country in the U. S. Army, married his sweetheart, Mary, raised five wonderful children, owned and operated a successful dairy farm, and then decided in 1972 to run for the office of state legislator, and

Whereas, Since his successful election in 1972, Representative Mangus has won an additional 15 elections, signifying the immense respect, admiration and confidence his constituents have in his dedication to their needs, and

Whereas, The people of St. Joseph and Elkhart

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counties, and certainly those of his hometown Lakeville, know of Representative Mangus's fiery spirit, his flare for drama and his plain-spoken wisdom, and

Whereas, What they may not know is his enthusiasm in serving them has led to a small newspaper fire, donning a powdered wig and spectacles and other legendary antics that have made him a favorite in and around the Statehouse, and

Whereas, Freshman legislators were often told that Representative Mangus did not say much, but when he did speak, it was important and they better listen!, and

Whereas, During his 16 terms in office, Representative Mangus has been honored as Fraternal order of Police Legislator of the Year, Professional Firefighters Legislator of the Year, District Soil and Water Conservation Special Recognition Award for Support of District Programming, 4-H Leadership 20 year Service Award, Izaak Walton League Environmental Achievement Award, Sagamore of the Wabash Award and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, He has had a leadership role on many committees, including Agriculture, Natural Resources & Rural Development, Appointments and Claims, Elections and Reappointment, and Environmental Affairs, and

Whereas, His legislative contributions are too numerous to name, but he leaves his district and his constituents in a better place for his hard work, dedicated effort and unquestioned legislative knowledge, and

Whereas, Representative Mangus also served his community as a member of County Line Brethren Church, Indiana Farm Bureau, Lakeville Lions Club, Lakeville Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite,

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Lakeville Commerce Association and Order of the Eastern Star, and

Whereas, Representative Mangus will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the Indiana House of Representatives for his many contributions and his love of the legislative process;

Now, Therefore,

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Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honors Representative Richard Mangus for his 32 years of distinguished service to the people of Indiana, particularly District 21, upon his retirement.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Representative Richard Mangus.

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